Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 18 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 19 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 18 Feb 2022 at 03:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled, save for Saturday, but lowering for the detail of timing of poorest conditions.

Headline for Friday 18 Feb 2022: Periods of snow and extensive hill fog during the morning, clearing to scattered showers by late afternoon. Severe wind chill and early blizzards.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 18 Feb 2022

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
80%	90%	80%	40%	40%	40%

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Weather: Rather cloudy overnight with scattered snow showers merging to longer and heavier periods of snow before dawn. Overcast morning with periods of snow, turning heavy at times. This clears eastwards through the afternoon, as scattered snow showers follow from the northwest, which turn heavier and more frequent during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% at first becoming 75% by late afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally moderate to very poor in the periods of snow at first, only a few metres in cloud with bases from 500m extensive during the morning. Becoming mainly good from late afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	31/37 E	35/43 NE	38/48 N	27/34 NW	18/23 W	20/26 W	19/24 SW
900	26/34 E	23/29 NE	23/31 N	18/24 NW	13/17 W	14/19 W	12/17 W
600	31/37 E	30/36 NE	28/36 N	18/24 NW	13/18 SW	13/18 SW	13/18 SW
300	12/19 E	19/27 NE	16/24 N	12/19 NW	8/14 W	8/13 SW	7/13 SW
Glen	11/20 NE	13/26 N	16/30 N	9/18 NW	8/16 W	5/13 SW	6/15 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-6/-16	-6/-16	-7/-18	-7/-17	-7/-14	-6/-14	-6/-14
900	-5/-14	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-12	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10
600	-1/-9	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8
300	-0/-5	-0/-7	-0/-6	1/-4	0/-4	0/-4	0/-4
Glen	2/-3	1/-4	2/-3	3/-1	2/-2	2/-1	2/-1
Freezing Level*	200m	100m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Severe wind chill at height, also navigation difficult during the morning in extensive hill fog.

Forecast for Saturday 19 Feb 2022
Weather: Fair by day with good bright and sunny spells and only a few isolated and light wintry showers cropping up. Band of snow spreading from southwest during the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest 20mph gusts 30mph, backing south or southeast later in day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 95%

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in showers, only a few metres in cloud with bases infrequently lowering 600m in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 5 Celsius increasing 4 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 200m

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